

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming device connected to an external device, the image forming device comprising:
 - a receiving unit ~~that~~ that:
 - receives a print request from the external device, the print request including printing data to be printed in accordance with ~~a the print request;~~ request, and
 - after reception of the printing data has begun, receives an editing request from the external device to edit the printing data;
 - a memory that stores the printing data;
 - a controller that:
 - initiates an editing mode of the image forming device which enables editing of the printing data previously stored in the memory of the image forming ~~device,~~ device in response to the received editing request, the print request not being edited by the editing of the printing data, and
 - performs data processing for providing image data from the printing data stored in the memory; and
 - a printing mechanism that provides printed output of the image data output by the controller,
 - wherein the external device controls the editing of the printing data, and
 - the editing of the printing data does not including include editing of a printing sequence of print requests received by the image forming device.

2. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 1, wherein the controller starts the data processing of the printing data after an editing-allowable state of the printing data has been completed.

3. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 2, wherein the controller starts processing of subsequent printing data when the printing data next in order is in the editing-allowable state.

4. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 3, wherein the processing of the printing data in the editing-allowable state is started when the editing of the printing data is completed and the processing of the subsequent printing data is completed.

5. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 2, wherein the printing data is stored in the memory after the printed output is provided.

6. (Previously Presented) The image forming device according to claim 2, wherein the controller also transmits the printing data stored in the memory to an information processor.

7. (Previously Presented) The image forming device according to claim 1, wherein the controller starts the data processing after the printing data is entirely received by the image forming device.

8. (Previously Presented) The image forming device according to claim 2, wherein the controller starts the data processing after the printing data is entirely received by the image forming device.

9. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 1, wherein the controller enables editing of the printing data if the printing data satisfies a predetermined condition.

10. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 2, wherein the controller enables editing of the printing data if the printing data satisfies a predetermined condition.

11. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 1, wherein the controller enables editing of the printing data when an information processor which has transmitted the printing data is identical to an information processor which requests the editing of the printing data.

12. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 2, wherein the controller enables editing of the printing data when an information processor which has transmitted the printing data is identical to an information processor which requests the editing of the printing data.

13. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 1, wherein the controller enables the editing of the printing data when user information added to the printing data is identical to user information input by a user who requests editing.

14. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 2, wherein the controller enables the editing of the printing data when user information added to the printing data is identical to user information input by a user who requests editing.

15. (Currently Amended) An image forming device connected to an external device, the image forming device comprising:

storage means for storing printing data to be printed in accordance with a print request;
request received from the external device;

editing means for enabling editing of the printing data previously stored in the storage means of the image forming device;
device in response to an editing request received from the external device to edit the printing data, the print request not being edited by the editing of the printing data;

data processing means for performing data processing to provide image data from the printing data stored in the storage means; and

printing means for providing printed output of the image data output by the data processing means,

wherein the external device controls the editing of the printing data, and

the editing of the printing data does not including-include editing of a printing sequence of print requests received by the image forming device.

16. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 15, wherein the data processing means starts the data processing of the printing data after an editing-allowable state of the printing data has been completed.

17. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 16, wherein the data processing means starts processing of subsequent printing data when the printing data next in order is in the editing-allowable state.

18. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 17, wherein the processing of the printing data in the editing-allowable state is started when the editing of the printing data is completed and the processing of the subsequent printing data is completed.

19. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 16, wherein the printing data is stored in the storage means after the printed output is provided.

20. (Previously Presented) The image forming device according to claim 16, further comprising transmission means for transmitting the printing data stored in the storage means to an information processor.

21. (Previously Presented) The image forming device according to claim 15, wherein the data processing means starts the data processing after the printing data is entirely received by the image forming device.

22. (Previously Presented) The image forming device according to claim 16, wherein the data processing means starts the data processing after the printing data is entirely received by the image forming device.

23. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 15, wherein the editing means enables editing of the printing data if the printing data satisfies a predetermined condition.

24. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 16, wherein the editing means enables editing of the printing data if the printing data satisfies a predetermined condition.

25. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 15, wherein the editing means enables editing of the printing data when an information processor which has transmitted the printing data is identical to an information processor which requests the editing of the printing data.

26. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 16, wherein the editing means enables editing of the printing data when an information processor which has transmitted the printing data is identical to an information processor which requests the editing of the printing data.

27. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 15, wherein the editing means enables the editing of the printing data when user information added to the printing data is identical to user information input by a user who requests editing.

28. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 16, wherein the editing means enables the editing of the printing data when user information added to the printing data is identical to user information input by a user who requests editing.

29. (Currently Amended) An image forming method comprising the steps of:

storing, in an image forming ~~device~~, device connected to an external device having an information processor, printing data to be printed in accordance with a print request, the print request and the printing data transmitted from an~~the~~ information processor;

allowing editing of the printing data previously stored in the image forming ~~device~~, device in response to the image forming device receiving an editing request from the information processor to edit the printing data, the print request not being edited by the editing of the printing data; and

providing printed output of the edited printing data by the image forming device after the editing is completed,

wherein the information processor controls the editing of the printing data, and
the editing of the printing data not including editing of a printing sequence of print requests received by the image forming device.

30. (Original) The image forming method according to claim 29, wherein subsequent printing data is output as the printed output when the editing of the printing data next in order is not completed.

31. (Original) The image forming method according to claim 30, wherein the printing data whose editing has been completed is output as the printed output when processing of the subsequent printing data is completed.

32. (Original) The image forming method according to claim 29, wherein the printing data is stored in the image forming device after the printing data is output as the printed output.

33. (Original) The image forming method according to claim 29, wherein the stored printing data is transmitted to the information processor.

34. (Original) The image forming method according to claim 29, wherein the editing of the printing data is allowed when the printing data satisfies a predetermined condition.

35. (Original) The image forming device according to claim 29, wherein the editing of the printing data is allowed when an information processor which transmitted the printing data is identical to an information processor which requests the editing.

36. (Currently Amended) A printing device connected to a host device, the printing device comprising:

a receiving part that receives printing data from ~~a~~the host device, the printing data to be printed in accordance with a print ~~request;~~request received from the host device;

a memory that stores the printing data received by the receiving part;

a printing controller that controls the printing data stored in the memory so as to print the printing data according to a predetermined sequence; and

an editing part that sets the printing data stored in the memory to an editing-allowable state according to ~~a~~an editing request from the host device, the print request not being edited when the printing data is set to the editing-allowable state;

wherein the printing controller temporarily stops processing of the printing data depending on ~~an~~the editing request for the printing data from the host device, cancels the temporary stop condition if the editing is completed when a printing order for the printing data arrives so as to perform the printing processing of the printing data after the editing of the printing data, and cancels the temporary stop condition at a predetermined timing after the end of the editing if the editing is not completed when the printing order of the printing data arrives so as to perform the printing processing of the printing data after the editing of the printing data,

wherein the host device controls the editing of the printing data, and

the editing of the printing data not including editing of the predetermined sequence of printing of the print requests received by the printing device.

37. (New) The image forming device according to claim 1, wherein the printing data is sent back to the external device for editing by the external device.

38. (New) The image forming device according to claim 1, wherein the printing data to be edited is replaced by edited printing data that was edited by the external device.

39. (New) The image forming device according to claim 1, wherein the controller enables editing of a received portion of the printing data while a remaining portion of the printing data is still being received.